

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s):	Matthew N. SONGER et al.	)	
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed on Monday, May 24, 2010, the first business day after Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to including May 24, 2010 to make this reply timely.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 23, 2009, Applicants submit a Request for Continuing Examination and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.